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BOOKS

Aaseng, Nathan. THE PEACE SEEKERS: THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. (Noble Prize Winners.) 79 p. $9.95. Lerner Pubns., 1987. (ISBN 0-8225-0654-8) Grades 5-10

Discusses the lives and ideals of nine Nobel Peace Prize winners, including Jane Addams, Linus Pauling, Martin Luther King, Jr., Andrei Sakharov, and Desmond Tutu; each chapter deals with the life of one individual and provides background about the effects the person has had on a troubled world; includes over forty-five black-and-white photographs, a glossary, and an index; appropriate for research and for leisure reading

Banks, David. SARAH FERGUSON: THE ROYAL REDHEAD. (Taking Part Books.) 63 p. $9.95. Dillon, 1987. (ISBN 0-87518-369-7) Grades 3-6

An interesting examination of the life of spunky Sarah Ferguson; looks at Sarah's childhood and the many influences that led to her marriage to Prince Andrew; discusses how she differs from most of England's Royal Family but how well she is accepted by the family and the people of her country; illustrated with high-quality color and black-and-white photographs; appealing to fans of the Royal Family

Benoit, Joan, with Sally Baker. RUNNING TIDE. 213 p. $16.95. Knopf, 1987. (ISBN 0-394-55457-4) Grades 8-12

Joan Benoit traces the experiences and people that led to her achievement in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles; includes descriptions of numerous races, her relationships with and opinions of various athletes, and her ideas about training; one section details her experiences at North Carolina State University (none too pleasant); although the text is sprinkled with general comments such as a few parallels between sports and life, this book will appeal primarily to Joan Benoit fans

Brown, Drollene P. BELVA LOCKWOOD WINS HER CASE. 64 p. $9.75. Whitman, 1987. (ISBN 0-8075-0630-3) Grades 4-7

Inspirational biography outlining Belva Lockwood's struggle for the rights of all women; her determination and family support enabled her to acquire an education, to receive a law degree, to win acceptance at the bar, and to practice law--all unheard of for women in her day; illustrated with black-and-white photographs and drawings; includes notes on source materials at the end of the book but no index; excellent and informative reading on an inspiring woman

Chadwick, Roxane. AMELIA EARHART: AVIATION PIONEER. (The Acheivers.) 56 p. $7.95. Lerner Pubns., 1987. (ISBN 0-8225-0484-7) Grades 4-6

Traces the development of Amelia Earhart's interest in airplanes and flying beginning with her parents' allowing her to explore avenues of dress and behavior typically forbidden young girls of her day; focuses on Earhart's flying career, pointing out how her achievements paved the way for other women in flight; includes information about the importance of her relationship with her husband, George Putnam; illustrated with numerous clear black-and-white photographs; contains a list of Earhart's flight records and books but no index; suitable for interest reading and for reports though research is hampered by the lack of an index

Chadwick, Roxane. ANNE MORROW LINDBERGH: PILOT AND POET. (The Achievers.) 56 p. $7.95. Lerner Pubns., 1987. (ISBN 0-8225-0488-X) Grades 4-6

Recounts the life of the shy, talented young woman who married Charles Lindbergh and became his flying partner as well as his wife; briefly discusses Anne's early years but focuses on her life with her famous husband, including the disappearance and murder of her infant son; easy-to-read text is supplemented by numerous black-and-white photographs; includes a list of books by Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Cleary, Beverly. A GIRL FROM YAMHILL: A MEMOIR. 279 p. $14.95. Morrow, 1988. (ISBN 0-688-07800-1) Grades 6-12

This beautifully written autobiography captures the life of a young girl growing up in Oregon during the Depression; although much of the book recounts a loving family, Cleary also discusses candidly how she felt burdened by her mother's control and manipulation and sensitive to her father's unfulfillment in leaving behind his farm in order to support his family; includes early childhood memories as well as details about wearing braces, giggling with girl friends, and beginning relationships with boys; offers a vivid account of

real life during the Depression and the effects of poor economic times on the lives of a young girl, her family, and her neighbors; includes several pages of black-and-white photographs; a first-purchase choice for those interested in Beverly Cleary's life or for those seeking supplementary materials on the effects of the Depression; this is also a wonderful resource for reinforcing the universality of the teenage experience

Fradin, Dennis Brindell. REMARKABLE CHILDREN: TWENTY WHO MADE HISTORY. 207 p. $14.45. Little, 1987. (ISBN 0-316-29126-9) Grades 4-9

Each chapter of this intriguing book provides an inspiring account of a youngster who made history; includes children from around the world with a variety of accomplishments (e.g., Mozart, Sacagawea, Louis Braille, Anne Frank, Judy Garland, Tracy Austin); each narrative reveals information about the personality and the qualities that led to the youngster's achievement, such as Nadia Comaneci's determination not to embarrass herself again after falling three times and Anne Frank's belief in the ultimate goodness of mankind; the vignettes also touch on the influences in each child's life, such as a coach, teacher, or family member; contains no illustrations; a first-purchase choice for youngsters who enjoy biography

Galicich, Anne. SAMANTHA SMITH: A JOURNEY FOR PEACE. (Taking Part Books.) 69 p. $9.95. Dillon, 1987. (ISBN 0-87518-367-0) Grades 3-6

Traces the life and travels of Samantha Smith, focusing on the youngster's imploring letter to Soviet leader Yuri Andropov and the worldwide attention to the issue of peace that the letter brought; provides background on the Soviet Union; includes information about Samantha's family, her school activities, her trips to other countries, and her other ventures; also discusses the peace projects that have taken place in her memory; full-page black-and-white and color photographs illustrate this well-written text; indexed; an excellent choice for youngsters interested in the Soviet Union, peace efforts, or Samantha Smith

Giff, Patricia Reilly. LAURA INGALLS WILDER: GROWING UP IN THE LITTLE HOUSE. (Women of Our Time.) 56 p. $10.95. Viking, 1987. (ISBN 0-670-81072-X) Grades 3-6

Traces the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder, including several incidents not recounted in her own books for children; incorporates information about how Mrs. Wilder decided to write her first book when she was sixty-five and that she continued to write because of overwhelming requests from her readers; illustrated with soft charcoal drawings; appealing to youngsters who would like to know more about the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder after they have read her books

Gish, Lillian, with Selma G. Lanes. AN ACTOR'S LIFE FOR ME! 73 p. $14.95. Viking, 1987. (ISBN 0-670-80416-9) Grades 4-7

Recounts the struggles of Lillian Gish, who, with her sister and mother, worked as a traveling actress and film star; through amusing and heartwarming anecdotes, Gish presents a unique perspective of life in the American theater 1902-1913; black-and-white photographs and colored illustrations provide a view of life and customs during the early part of the twentieth century; a delightful choice for leisure reading, especially for students interested in the development of theater and motion pictures

Greene, Carol. ELIE WIESEL: MESSENGER FROM THE HOLOCAUST. 32 p. $7.95. Childrens, 1987. (ISBN 0-516-03490-1) Grades 4-6

Short biography touches on the highlights of the life of Elie Wiesel, the Holocaust survivor who won the Nobel Peace Prize; briefly recounts Wiesel's life before he was imprisoned in concentration camps in Germany; provides a glimpse of the terror of Auschwitz and Buchenwald and Wiesel's motivation to prevent another Holocaust by keeping mankind conscious of the suffering of the Jewish people; illustrated with numerous black-and-white photographs, several of people in concentration camps; useful for students interested in the Holocaust (Note: While this book is written on a level appropriate for elementary students, the material is disturbing by nature of the subject itself and is best used with teacher guidance)

Haskins, Jim. BILL COSBY: AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS FATHER. 138 p. $13.85. Walker & Co., 1988. (ISBN 0-8027-6786-9) Grades 5-8

Examines the personal qualities and events that have led to Bill Cosby's success as an entertainer: his family life, determination, hard work, and understanding of people; the focus of this book is Cosby's work, rather than his personal life; however, numerous anecdotes spice up the text and provide a sense of Cosby as a whole person; includes several captioned black-and-white photographs; appealing to Cosby fans who would like to know the details of the entertainer's life

Henry, Sondra, and Emily Taitz. ONE WOMAN'S POWER: A BIOGRAPHY OF GLORIA STEINEM. (People in Focus.) 136 p. $10.95. Dillon, 1987. (ISBN 0-87518-346-8) Grades 7-12

Traces Gloria Steinem's life from her beginnings as the daughter of a emotionally disturbed mother to her role of outspoken leader of the women's movement; discusses many of Steinem's experiences that led to her strong feelings about women's issues, including her undercover stint as a "Bunny" in Hugh Hefner's Playboy Club and her own illegal abortion; illustrated with numerous, captioned black-and-white photographs; indexed; extensive bibliography; useful for those interested in the history of the women's movement or the life of Gloria Steinem

Kosof, Anna. JESSE JACKSON. 112 p. $11.90. Watts, 1987. (ISBN 0-531-10413-3) Grades 5-10

An interesting account of Jesse Jackson's life from his early years as an illegitimate child in South Carolina to his attempts to run for President of the United States; focuses on Jackson's experiences and personality, the energy and charisma that attract people to him and enable him to accomplish his goals; well-written text is illustrated with numerous black-and-white photographs; indexed; includes a list of books and articles used; useful for research and appealing to those seeking information about Jackson

Lampton, Christopher. THOMAS ALVA EDISON. 96 p. $9.90. Watts, 1988. (ISBN 0-531-10491-5) Grades 5-8

Presents the life of Thomas Edison in the context of his time; discusses Edison's most noted inventions and points out that he was issued 1,093 patents, more than any other individual; shows the impact of the inventor's work on the world; several full-page black-and-white photographs illustrate the text; includes recommended reading and index; excellent for research

Lepthien, Emilie. CORAZON AQUINO: PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES. (Picture-Story Biographies.) 31 p. $7.95. Childrens, 1987. (ISBN 0-516-04170-3) Grades 3-6

Provides an overview of the life of the wife and mother who became the leader of one of the world's most troubled nations; discusses the hardships her family endured under President Marcos and the philosophies and ideals that led to her election by the Philippine people; illustrated with numerous black-and-white photographs; informative reading but limited for research purposes because of the lack of an index

Monjo, F. N. THE ONE BAD THING ABOUT FATHER. (I Can Read Books.) 62 p. $10.89. Har-Row, 1987. (ISBN 0-06-024334-1) Grades 2-5

Told from the perspective of Quentin Roosevelt, this story relates what life might have been like in the White House when Theodore Roosevelt was President; numerous pets and pranks evoke smiles and a sense of the warm, fun-loving family; although Roosevelt's courageous adventures are mentioned in the text, Quention perceives his father as a regular guy; the child's complaint is that when his father could have chosen anything to be or do, he seems to have picked a boring, time-consuming job as President of the United States; this readable biography provides insight into life in the White House and provides a fresh view of Teddy Roosevelt

Pearce, Carol Ann. AMELIA EARHART. (Makers of America.) 169 p. $15.95. Facts on File, 1988. (ISBN 0-8160-1520-1) Grades 7-12

This excellent study of Amelia Earhart provides a behind-the-scenes look at one of America's most admired women; discusses the influences of Earhart's childhood--her alcoholic father and overly critical mother; shows how the woman's adventurous spirit and pride propelled her toward the risks that resulted in achievement, fame, and ultimately death; includes numerous black-and-white photographs, appendixes of Earhart's flight career and honors, a bibliography, and an index; enjoyable reading that is useful for research

Roberts, Naurice. HAROLD WASHINGTON: MAYOR WITH A VISION. (Picture-Story Biographies.) 30 p. $7.95. Childrens, 1988. (ISBN 0-516-03657-2) Grades 3-5

Touches on the highlights of Harold Washington's career, particularly his vision as mayor of Chicago; focuses on the mayor's belief in the value of cooperation and teamwork and his dedication to protecting the rights of the poor and disadvantaged; includes numerous black-and-white photographs but no index; large print; good leisure reading

Saunders, Susan. MARGARET MEAD: THE WORLD WAS HER FAMILY. (Women of Our Time.) 58 p. $10.95. Viking, 1987. (ISBN 0-670-81051-7) Grades 4-8

Interesting account of the life of Margaret Mead, the pioneer anthropologist, who popularized the scientific study of mankind's development; includes information about Mead's childhood and the influences that led to her interest in anthropology; illustrated with black-and-white drawings; enjoyable reading for leisure or reports

Stevenson, James. HIGHER ON THE DOOR. unp. $11.88. Greenwillow, 1987. (ISBN 0-688-06637-2) Grades K-3

Stevenson recounts memories of his childhood as he grew up in the 1930s; includes information about his family, neighborhood and school and a special trip to New York by train; Stevenson's soft, colorful illustrations cover every page and capture the nostalgic tone of the text; an interesting selection, especially for Stevenson fans

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